'Police' being a State subject, it is for the complainant to lodge a report with the Police or make a complaint to the court of competent jurisdiction as the case may be. However, instructions have already been issued to the State Governments for prompt registration and investigation of cases relating to attacks on journalists.

Muslim Liberation Front in J & K

1722. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a newly-formed pro-Pak-Kashmir outfit called Muslim Liberation Front, had planned to launch an armed struggle for secession of Kashmir from India and merger into Pakistan; and

(b) whether Pakistan has been training young terrorists sent out by the Front in Pakistan and whether 30 trained Kashmiri youths are being held in Pakistan; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No such organisation has come to notice in Jammu & Kashmir for such subversive activities.

(b) The State Government have informed that some Kashmiri youth went across the border for receiving training in the handling and use of arms and ammunition and explosives and it appears that a few Kashmiri youth are still in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir area.

1723. [*Transferred to the 17th March, 1989*].

Purchase of machinery by the Indian Project Exporters in Middle East countries

1724. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large surplus quantity of machinery purchased by the Indian Project Exporters for use in our Projects are lying idle in Middle East countries, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) what steps Government have taken to help/assist the Project Exporters to import these machinery; and

(c) whether any proposal or request has been received by Government from the Confederation of Engineering Industry in this regard and if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (c) Indian construction companies represented to Government through Overseas Construction Council of India that large quantity of surplus machinery is lying idle in Middle East and this cannot be imported due to high transportation cost and heavy import duty. The problem was considered by Government and it was decided to impose duty on a graded system. A fixed sliding scale now allows depreciation upto 70%. Subsequently Confederation of Engineering Industry has submitted another proposal in this regard. There has been no change in the fiscal and other facilities announced by the Government since June, 1988.

Industrial licencing

1725. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether representatives of large industrial houses have demanded withdrawal of industrial licansing for

promoting exports and also for reduction in import duties on capital goods; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Industrial licencing norms for export production have already been relaxed. Similarly, import duty on certain selected capital goods for export production has been reduced.

Import of Penicillin V

1726. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the import of Penicillin V. is allowed for import on selected basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the importer has to lift certain proportion of indigenous material;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that penicillin V is not indigenously produced in the country;

(e) if so, how such a condition has been prescribed;

(f) whether his Ministry has got any legal undertaking or bank guarantee to enforce the condition; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (g) Import of Penicillin V is allowed in cases where the unit cannot use the alternate raw material, Penicillin G. M/s. Jagsonpal Pharmaceuticals have been allowed import of 75 MMU of Potassium Penicillin V First Crystals during 1988-89 with an obligation to lift indigenous material in the prescribed ratio. Penicilin V is not at present indigenously available. There has been a proposal for manufacture of Penicillin V by M/s. Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals and accordingly the obligation of lifting of indigenous Penicillin V was imposed. As and when Penicillin V is indigenously available the unit would be required to lift the indigenous material and issue of further licence would be subject to such lifting therefore bank guarantee is not necessary.

FIEO's suggestion to provide concessions to boost export performance

1727. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO) has urged Government to remove hurdles and provide some legitimate concessions to boost export performance;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to the suggestion of the FIEO;

(c) whether to boost export performance, Government had any proposal to provide any relief or concession to the exporters; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) FIEO has submitted a paper 'Mid-term Appraisal of Exports' containing various suggestions inter-alia raising the investment of SSI Units, lowering of interestrates, on export finance, disbursement of CCS/duty drawback through Commercial banks, strengthening of Indian Missions abroad and value addition norms of 100% EOUs etc.

(b) Government has recently reduced interest rates on pre and post shipment export finance. The ad-